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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An armrest apparatus comprises:

a fixed shaft fixed to a seat frame;

a rotation plate integrally connected to an armrest body and having a tubular portion

into which the fixed shaft is inserted, so that the tubular portion is rotatably supported on the

fixed shaft;

a lock spring wound tightly on outer peripheral surfaces of a part of the fixed shaft

and the tubular portion of the rotation plate in a free condition, one end of the lock spring

being formed into a fixing-side hook retained by the rotation plate, while the other end

thereof being formed into a free-side hook;

a cancellation block rotatably mounted on a pivot shaft, the pivot shaft being fixedly

mounted on the rotation plate in parallel to the fixed shaft, and is disposed adjacent to the

free-side hook; and

a cam unit mounted on a distal end of the fixed shaft and including a lock-canceling

cam portion and a re-lock cam portion,

wherein while the armrest body being pivotally moved in a storing direction, the free-

side hook abuts against the lock-canceling cam portion through the cancellation block, and

the lock-canceling cam portion expands the lock spring in an unwinding direction to enlarge

its diameter to cancel a locked condition of the armrest body,

the re-lock cam portion is spaced from the lock-canceling cam portion in a direction

of rotation of the cam member, while the armrest body being pivotally moved in an opening

direction, the free-side hook abuts against the re-lock cam portion through the cancellation

block, and the re-lock cam portion causes the lock spring to spring back in a diameter-

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reducing direction to lock the armrest body-, and when the armrest is stored, the armrest

further rotates in a direction which is opposite to the opening direction, the canceling block

and the free side hook of the lock spring move integrally along with the lock-canceling cam

portion.

2. (Original) An armrest apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a spring pin mounted on the cancellation block,

wherein while the armrest body is pivotally moved in the storing direction, the spring

pin abuts against the lock-canceling cam portion to push up the cancellation block, and the

cancellation block has a flat portion for abutting engagement with the lock-canceling cam

portion to hold the cancellation block in the pushed-up position, and.

3. (Original) An armrest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the angle of

mounting of the cam member relative to the seat frame about its axis, a peripheral length of

the lock-canceling cam portion, and the distance between the lock-canceling portion and the

re-lock cam portion are determined in accordance with the operating position of the armrest

and the range of operation thereof.

4. (Original) An armrest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rotation plate

has a stamped-out projected portion which limits the range of rotation of the cancellation

block.

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5. (Original) An armrest apparatus according claim 1, wherein a return spring is

fitted on the pivot shaft, is retained at one end thereof by the rotation plate, and at the other

end thereof by the cancellation block, and

the cancellation block is urged by the return spring in a direction toward or away from

the free-side hook.

6. (Original) An armrest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a frictional

resistance member is provided between the pivot shaft and the cancellation block.

7. (New) An armrest apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the canceling block

abuts with an outermost peripheral of the lock-canceling cam portion.

8. (New) An armrest apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the cam portion

further has a reference portion, and the lock-canceling cam portion and the re-lock cam

portion protrude from the reference portion in a radial direction, and when the canceling

block goes up a step formed between the reference portion and the lock-canceling cam

portion, the canceling block presses the free-side hook upwardly so that the spring is enlarged

in diameter.

9. (New) An armrest apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the free-side hook

extends in a radial direction of the spring.

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10. (New) An armrest apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the canceling block has a flat portion which abuts with the free-side hook and protruded portion which abuts with the lock-canceling cam portion.